## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION 3:06cr194

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	
VS.	)	
	)	ORDER
	)	
DEVON RAYMUS STURDIVANT	)	
	)	

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court upon letter of the defendant pro se received on September 15, 2006, complaining that he and his attorney have a "conflict of interest" and that he is receiving erroneous legal advice. (Doc. No. 194). He states that he no longer requires the services of his attorney.

The Court finds that the defendant's allegations about his counsel's performance fail to establish grounds to appoint substitute counsel. <u>United States v. Mullen</u>, 32 F.3d 891 (4th Cir. 1994).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that current counsel will not be relieved. This case is set for trial during the October 2006 criminal term, at which time the defendant may proceed prose if he does not accept assistance from his appointed counsel.

The Clerk is directed to certify copies of this order to the defendant, counsel for the defendant, and to the United States Attorney.

Signed: September 29, 2006

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Chief United States District Judge